

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

APPLE MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, apple growers harvest red and golden fruit from the mountains of North Carolina each fall, offering their healthy fruit to all North Carolinians and citizens of other States; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, more than 225 commercial apple growers produce over 4 million bushels of apples in the State annually from over 7,250 acres of trees; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Rome, Red and Golden Delicious, Gala, and many other varieties of apples are produced on 1,000,000 apple trees in the State; and

WHEREAS, apple lovers can enjoy the harvest of fresh North Carolina apples from September through November and can find these apples in all grocery stores, farmers' markets and roadside stands; and

WHEREAS, nutritionists continue to praise the healthy nature of apples as a nutritious snack, full of vitamins and fiber, low in calories, with no cholesterol; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina apple production is a part of the diversification practiced by many farmers; and

WHEREAS, the apple industry is a vital part of agriculture and the economy in western North Carolina providing employment for many of our State's citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2008, as "APPLE MONTH" in North Carolina and urge all our citizens to enjoy these wonderful fruits.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-eighth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.